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SUBJ: JAPAN'S FX PROGRAM

A. MDAO MSG 120541Z JAN 77

1. U.S. CONSTRUCTORS INVOLVED IN FX COMPETITION WERE OFFICIALLY
PROVIDED FOLLOWING TRANSLATION DURING DISCUSSIONS MR. EGUCHI,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, EQUIPMENT BRANCH, JDA, 13 JAN 77. QUOTE 13
JAN 77 I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR
THE COOPERATION GIVEN TO US BY YOUR COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH
THE SELECTION OF NEXT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OF JASDF.

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL DELIBERATED THE FX PROGRAM ON
21 DECEMBER 1976. AS A RESULT, IT WAS DECIDED TO DEFER
INITIATION OF THE PROGRAM IN JFY 1977 BECAUSE OF THE FORMATION
OF A NEW CABINET FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON
5 DECEMBER 1976, AND THE LACK OF TIME TO DELIBERATE FULLY THE
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FX PROGRAM IN THE FACE OF JFY 1977 BUDGET FORMULATION WORK
AND OTHER REASONS. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED TO HAVE EXECUTIVE
AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT ADVANCE THEIR STUDIES WHOLEHEARTEDLY
WITH A VIEW TOWARD UNDERTAKING THE PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN JFY 1978.
AS FAR AS THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY IS CONCERNED, THE SELECTION OF
THE F-15 WAS OFFICIALLY MADE ON 9 DECEMBER 1976. ON THIS BASIS,
THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY PLANS TO EFFECT COORDINATION WITH

EXECUTIVE AGENCIES CONCERNED IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THE PROGRAM
COOMMEENCING IN JFY 1978. UNQUOTE

2. MDAO FORESEES THAT GENERAL DYNAMICS AND GRUHMANN
TO A LESSER DEGREE, WILL AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS
DURING COMING MONTHS WHEN FX PROGRAM WILL MOST LIKELY SURFACE
IN DIET. ALTHOUGH JDA CONSIDERS SELECTION OF F-15 AS CLOSED,
COMPETING CONSTRUCTOR'S VIEW F-14 & F-16 AS VIABLE CONTENDERS
UNTIL FINAL GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL.

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